

Turkish textiles passed over the world in EU market



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The Textile industry in Turkey maintained its position as the second largest supplier for EU and seventh largest supplier of the world as of the end of the year 2017 with its volume of exports worth 10.1 billion dollars, the largest association of textilers in Turkey, ITHIB, disclosed in a press conference in Istanbul.

Chairman Ismail Gulle said, "Our vision is to make our country to generate surplus in foreign trade. Our mission is to work for exports 7/24 all year along. We believe that our vision will become also valid in other industries. Our target is to produce added value and surplus in our foreign trade balance. Textile industry in Turkey has been exporting 74 thousand dollars worth of goods per minute."



He pointed out that Turkey's economy has been running on export earnings, production, investments, and rising employment. "We left behind the worst in last year with our best performances, despite all hostilities towards Turkish Republic, terror and other political struggles. We have managed to export more than half billion dollars worth of textile products to USA market, which is one of the most difficult ones to enter even selling them over 5 dollars per kilo prices. We sold these even to Italy, which is known as the center of fashion. We sold our products at 10 dollars per kilo to buyers in Sri Lanka another center for textiles. Textiles in Turkey have become one of the industries having high value added products. Average unit price of imports of European Union countries is about 4.2 Euro per kilo. EU's import of textiles from Turkey averaged at 4.5 Euro, higher than its total imports. Germany imports textiles at 4.9 Euro per kilo from abroad, and the average price of exports from Turkey to Germany is accounted as 5.5 Euro."

Gulle has said, "We have produced surpluses of 1.6 billion dollars in home textiles, 1 billion dollars in knitted fabrics, 850 million dollars in woven fabrics, 120 million in technical textiles last year. Turkish textile and ready made apparel industries has produced about 200 billion dollars surplus in the last 20 years."

While furnishing information about their plans for the future, Ismail Gulle said, "We will be participating in major fair events held in the world including the London Textile, Munich Fabric Start, Premiere Vision Paris, Heimtextil, Premiere Vision Istanbul, Techtextile Frankfurt, etc. We export our products to 190 countries in 6 countries."



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